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SUMMARY

INDICATIONS GROWING THAT SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS OF
NON-ALIGNED GROUP TO OVER-RIDE ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR REDUCTION IN SEC 22 OF UN PROGRAM BUDGET ARE PART
OF BROADER OBJECTIVE OF DISCREDITING ACABQ AND OF
OBTAINING LARGER APPROPRIATIONS. EFFORTS BEING MADE
WITHIN WEO GROUP TO ACHIEVE SOLIDARITY OF MAJOR
CONTRIBUTORS IN SUPPORT ACABQ. US, UK, FRANCE, AND
CANADA TO MEET WITH SYG DAVIDSON OCT 16. END SUMMARY

1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO USDEL ON AGENDA ITEM 79-
PROGRAM BUDGET (REF.(A), PART IV) STATES USDEL SHOULD
FULLY SUPPORT BUDGET REDUCTIONS RECOMMENDED BY ACABQ.
REF. (B) REPORTED ON ALGERIAN LED MOVE WHICH RESULTED
IN REJECTION BY FIFTH COMITE OF ACABQ RECOMMENDATION
FOR REDUCTION IN BUDGET SECTION 22 (DOCUMENT A/9006)
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AND IN RESTITUTION OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED BY SYG FOR

DEPT. POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION.

2. ISSUE ON SECTION 22 WAS HANDLED EMOTIONALLY BY NON-ALIGNED GROUP (NA) AND IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER GENERAL ASSAULT ON ACABQ WAS DEVELOPING. MISSION'S SUBSEQUENT SOUNDINGS WITH WEO GROUP, SIERRA LEONE AND TANZANIA CONFIRM NA TACTICS WERE PLANNED AND WELL ORCHESTRATED AND WERE ACCOMPANIED BY LOBBYING ON PART OF MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT.

3. THERE ARE INDICATIONS NA'S ARE WORKING TO DISCREDIT ACABQ AS TOOL OF BIG POWERS AND ARE SEEKING TO DICTATE BUDGET LEVELS BY OVERRIDING ACABQ DECISIONS IN FIFTH COMITE AN/OR BY GAINING CONTROL OVER ACABQ THROUGH ENLARGEMENT. GUYANA, SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL DELS, PROPOSED IN GENERAL DEBATE THAT ACABQ BE ENLARGED TO PROVIDE BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S AND THAT ALTERNATE REPS BE APPOINTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACABQ IN ABSENCE REPS. UNDER PROPOSAL REPS AND ALTERNATES WOULD BE FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

4. NAUDY (FRANCE) INFORMED MISOFF (STOTTLEMYER) THAT EC-9 HAD MET TO DISCUSS PROBLEM AND HAD AGREED TO SOLIDARITY IN SUPPORTING ACABQ RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVELS.

5. AT WEO MEETING REPS OF US, FRANCE, UK, CANADA, ITALY, AND GREECE EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN THAT WEO GROUP HAD NOT RALLIED TO SUPPORT ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS ON SEC. 22 IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE REPEAT OF NA SCENARIO ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTIONS OF BUDGET. NORDICS GENERALLY REMAINED SILENT. MATHESON (CANADA) NOTED: WEO'S CONTRIBUTE 80 PERCENT OF BUDGET, AND EE'S 15 PERCENT: EEL BLOC VOTED WITH NA'S ON SECTION 22, YET THUMPED IN GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS FOR ECONOMY; AND ALTHOUGH LDC'S IN SHOW OF SOLIDARITY CAN VOTE APPROVAL OF ANY BUDGET LEVEL THEY CHOOSE, SYG MUST TAKE NOTE OF ANY SOLID FRONT SHOWN BY MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS. MCCARTHY (AUSTRALIA) INFORMED MISOFF PRIVATELY HE HAD FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE WITH LDC'S ON COLONIAL RELATED ISSUES.

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6. USDEL WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND TO SEEK WIDEST SUPPORT FROM OTHER DELS. REPS OF US, UK, FRANCE, AND CANADA WILL MEET WITH USYG DAVIDSON OCT 16 TO MAKE CASE FOR SECRETARIAT HOLDING LINE IN FACE OF PENDING PRESSURES. USDEL INTENDS ALSO JOIN IN DEMARCHE TO SYG IF RESULTS APPROACH TO DAVIDSON INDICATE SYG BACKBONE NEEDS STIFFENING.
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